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BOOK**

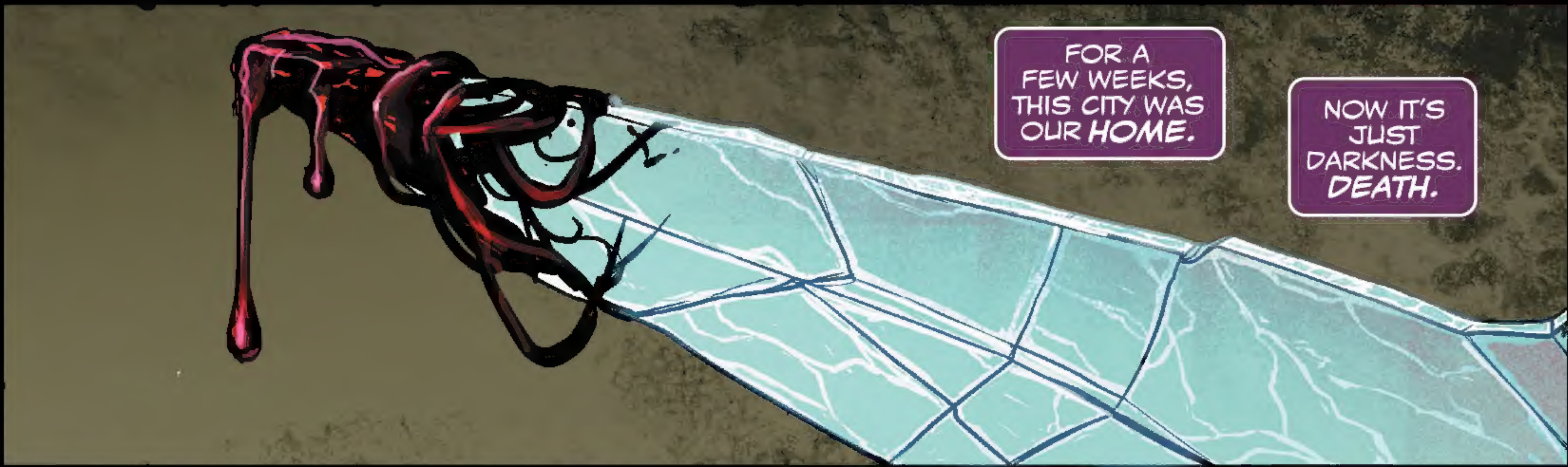
PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES



CHAPMAN
TIERI
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WHITE
ROSENBERG

MARVEL

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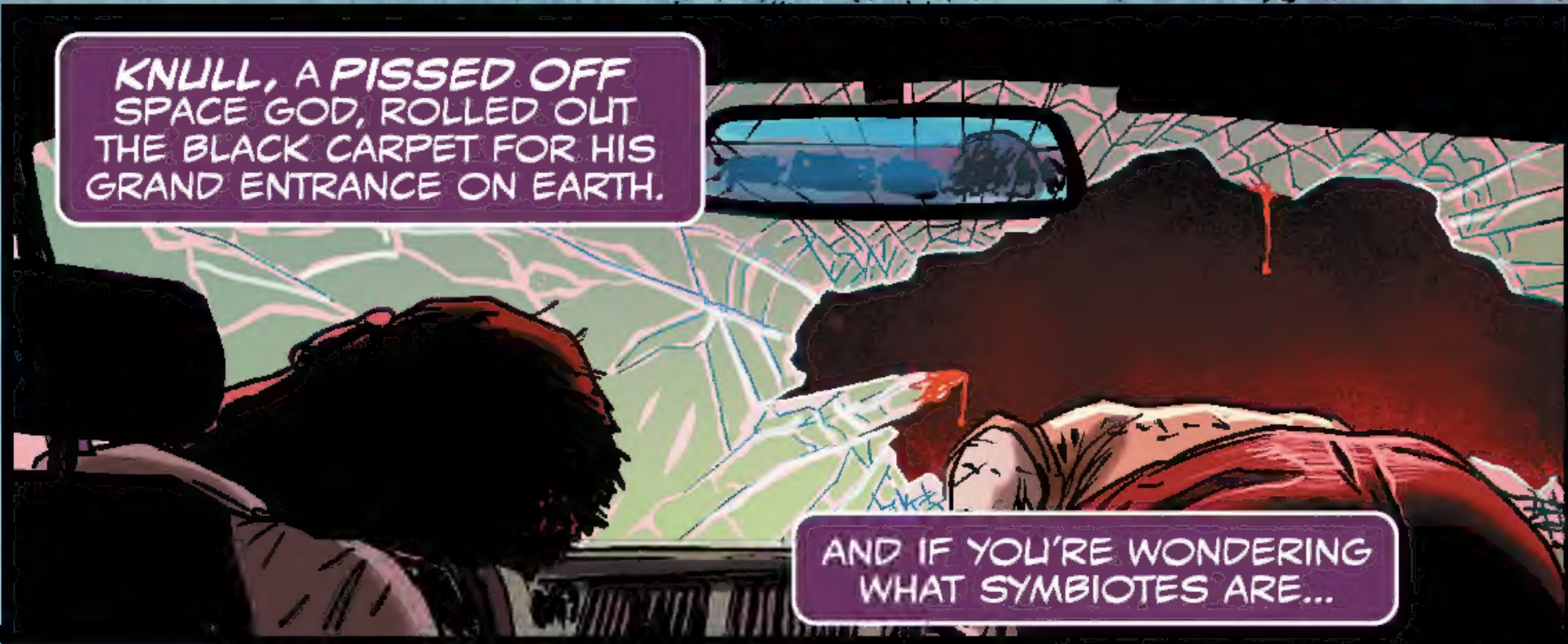
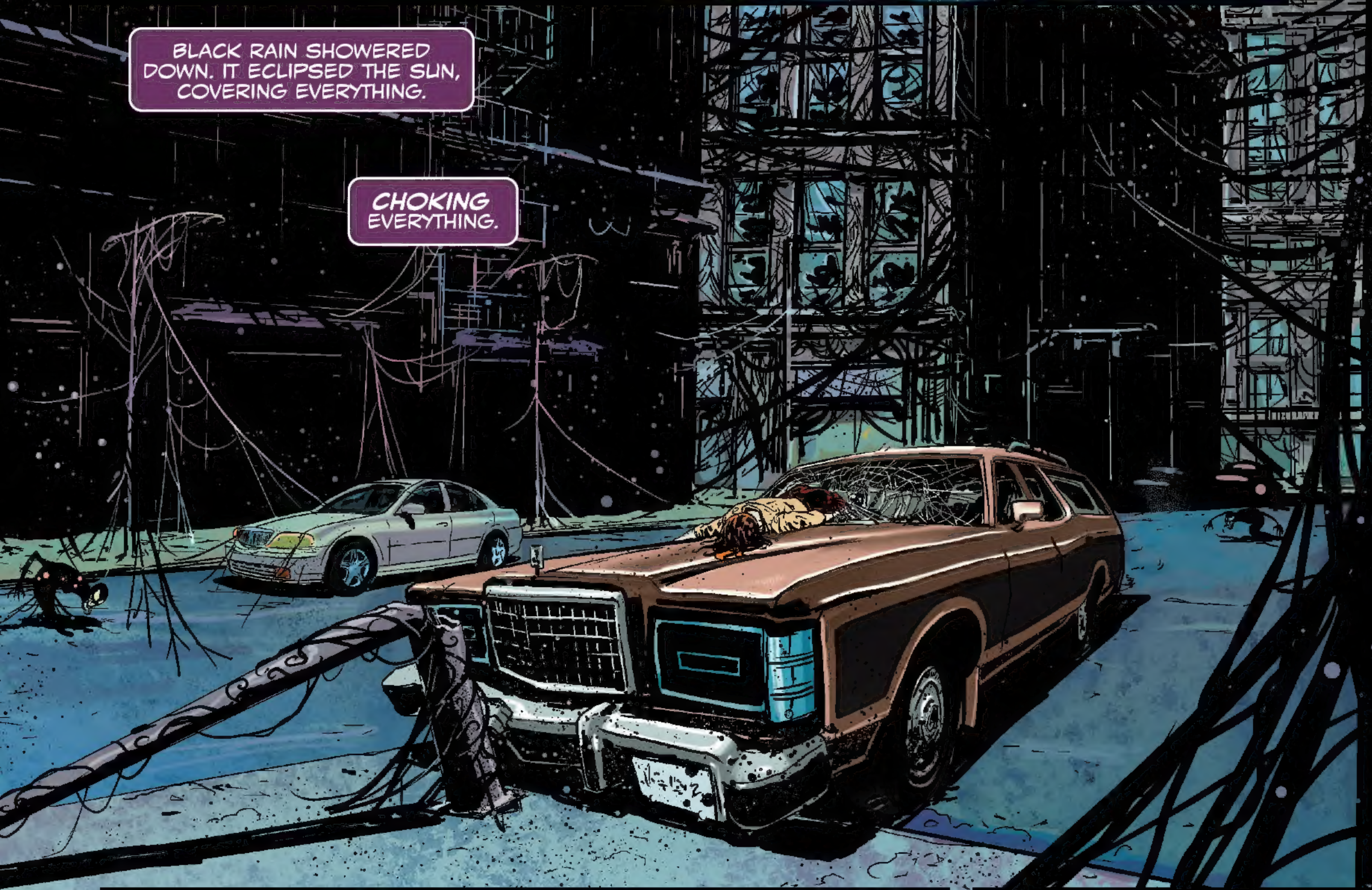


FOR A FEW WEEKS, THIS CITY WAS OUR HOME.

NOW IT'S JUST DARKNESS. DEATH.

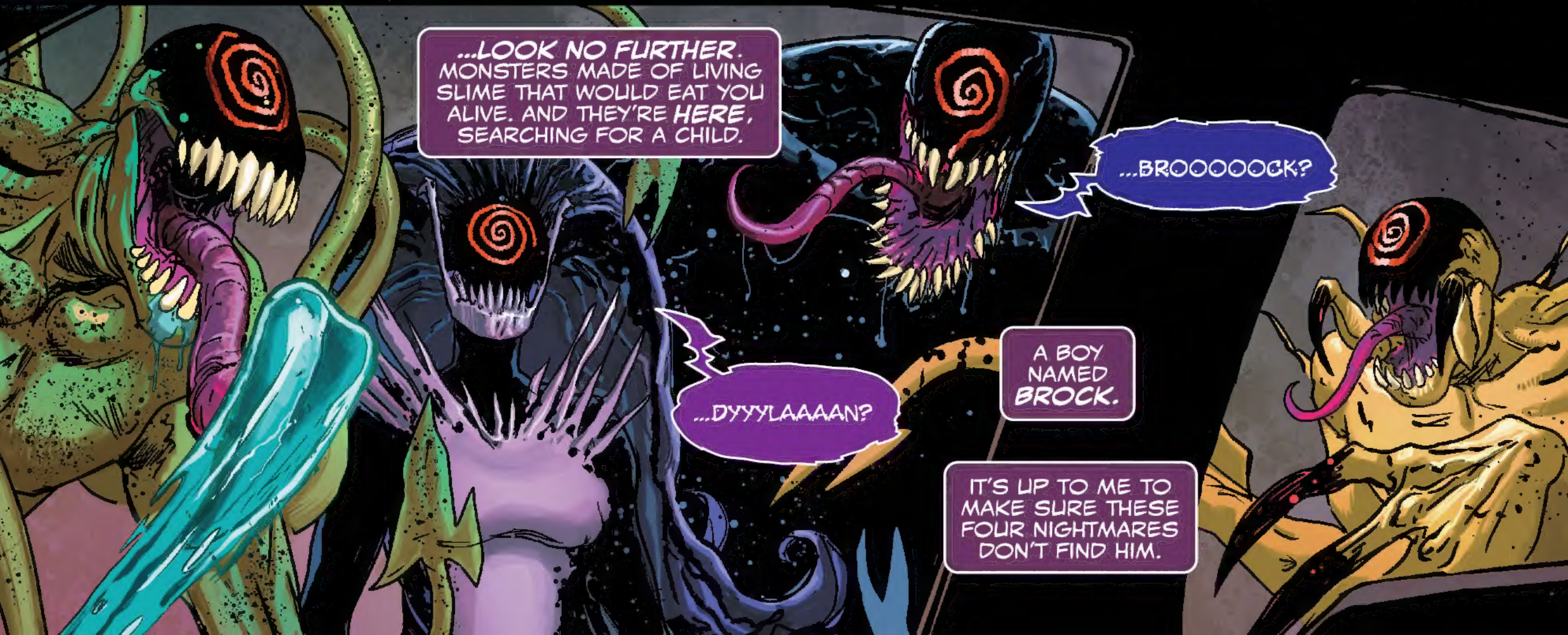
BLACK RAIN SHOWERED DOWN. IT ECLIPSED THE SUN, COVERING EVERYTHING.

CHOKING EVERYTHING.



KNULL, A PISSED OFF SPACE GOD, ROLLED OUT THE BLACK CARPET FOR HIS GRAND ENTRANCE ON EARTH.

AND IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT SYMBIOTES ARE...



...LOOK NO FURTHER. MONSTERS MADE OF LIVING SLIME THAT WOULD EAT YOU ALIVE. AND THEY'RE HERE, SEARCHING FOR A CHILD.

...DYYYLAAAAN?

...BROOOOOCK?

A BOY NAMED BROCK.

IT'S UP TO ME TO MAKE SURE THESE FOUR NIGHTMARES DON'T FIND HIM.

CRRRSH

WRONG KID. NOW THIS BOY
WILL BE ALONE FOR THE
REST OF HIS LIFE. ORPHANED.

TOO MANY
ORPHANS IN
THIS WORLD.

CRRRSSH

AAAAAAAHH!

RIOT.

AGONY.

LASHER.

NNOT
DYLAAN...

PHAGE.

PLEEEASE...

HELP
MEE!

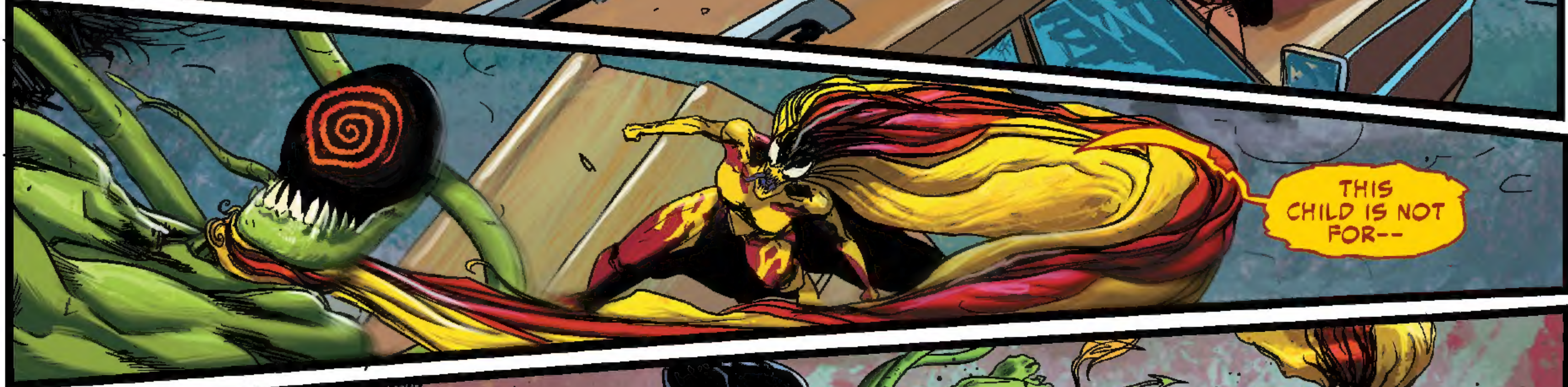
OURS TO
EEEEAT--

WHAT
DO WE HAVE
HERE?



AAACK!

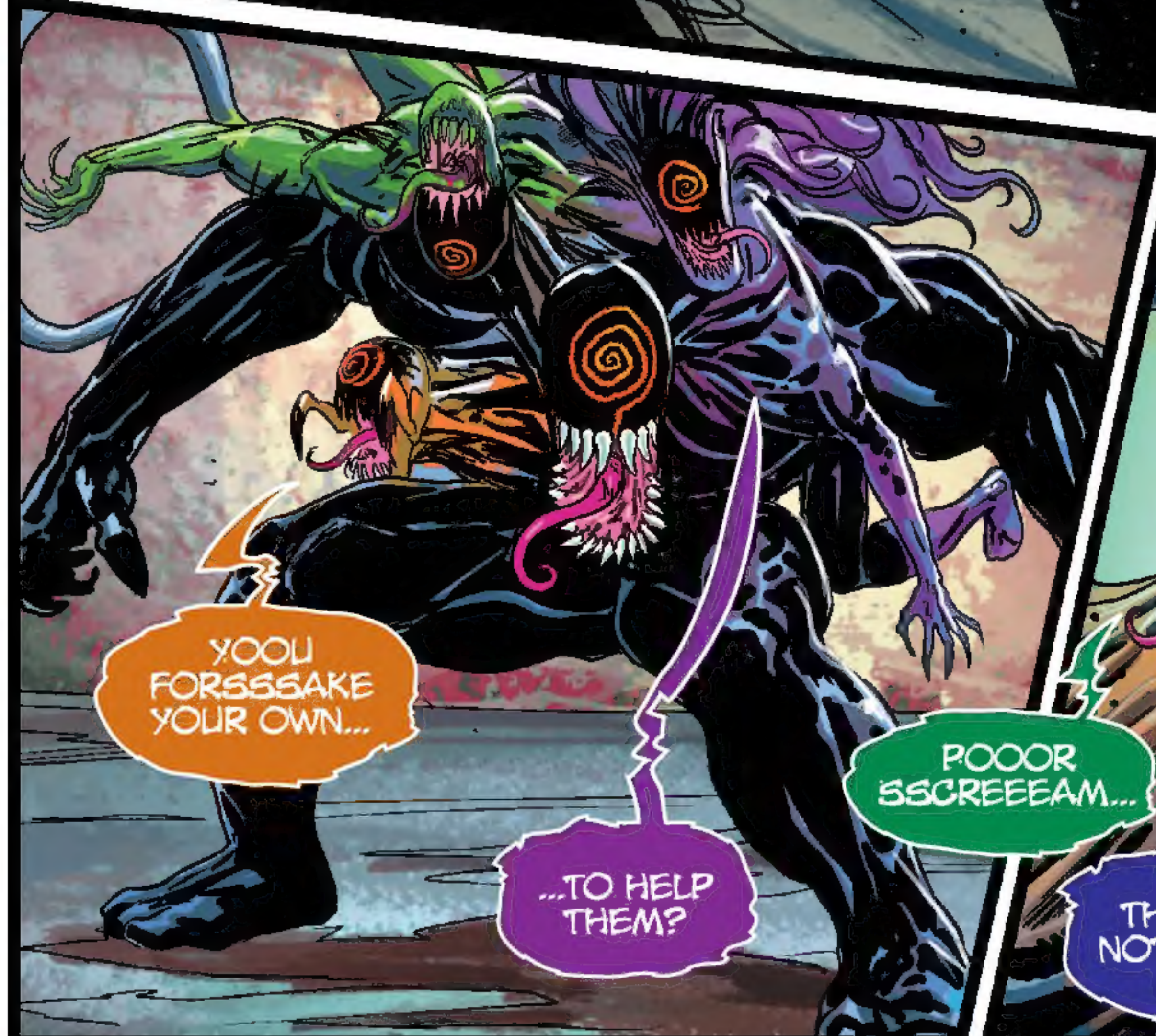
A FAMILY REUNION...



THIS CHILD IS NOT FOR--



--YOU.



YOOI FORSSAKE YOUR OWN...

...TO HELP THEM?

POOR SSSCREEN...



SSSOON THERE WILL BE NOTHING LEFT TO PROTECT.



NOTHING AT ALL.



AH,
YESSSS,
THERE YOU
ARE.

WE KNEW IT
WAS JUST A
MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE YOU CAME
TO EARTH.

WE CAN FEEL
HIM, ANDI. HE'S
REACHING OUT
THROUGH THE
SYMBIOTES.

STILL HIDING
BEHIND YOUR
CHILDREN,
I SEE.

SUCH A
VEXING CHILD. I
WONDERED WHEN
OUR PATHS MIGHT
CROSS AGAIN...

TIME TO
RETURN TO THE
HIVE, WHERE YOU
RIGHTFULLY
BELONG.

TIME TO
COME HOME,
SCREAM.

JOIN
USSSSSS.

YOUR
HELLMARK.

SYMBIOTES
HATE FIRE AND
HEAT AND--

JOIN...
YOU?

AND I JUST HAPPEN
TO BE CURSED WITH
BOTH OF THEM.

NEVER.

SO WE
SAY...

SKREEEE!

...LET'S LIGHT
THE S%*#@% UP.



WE HAVE
TRAVELED
ACROSS THE
STARS...



...THROUGH
THE VOID OF
SPACE...

...AND
WE HAVE
BROUGHT ITS
DARKNESS
WITH US.



CRUNCH

THERE IS
A DARKNESS
WITHIN YOU,
ISN'T
THERE?

YESSSS...



THIS PLANET
HAS MADE YOU
WEAK. YOUR HOST
HAS MADE YOU WEAK.
ALL OF YOU. EVERY
LAST SYMBIOTE ON
THIS ROCK. ADrift
IN THE COSMOS.



HUMANITY AND
ITS ILK WILL BE
DEVOURED...



...STARTING
WITH YOUR
HOST!



SOON,
SCREAM,
YOU WILL BE
DEVOURED
TOO.



BY THE
HIVE.



A THOUSAND
VOICES SCREAMING
ONE NAME:



KNULL.

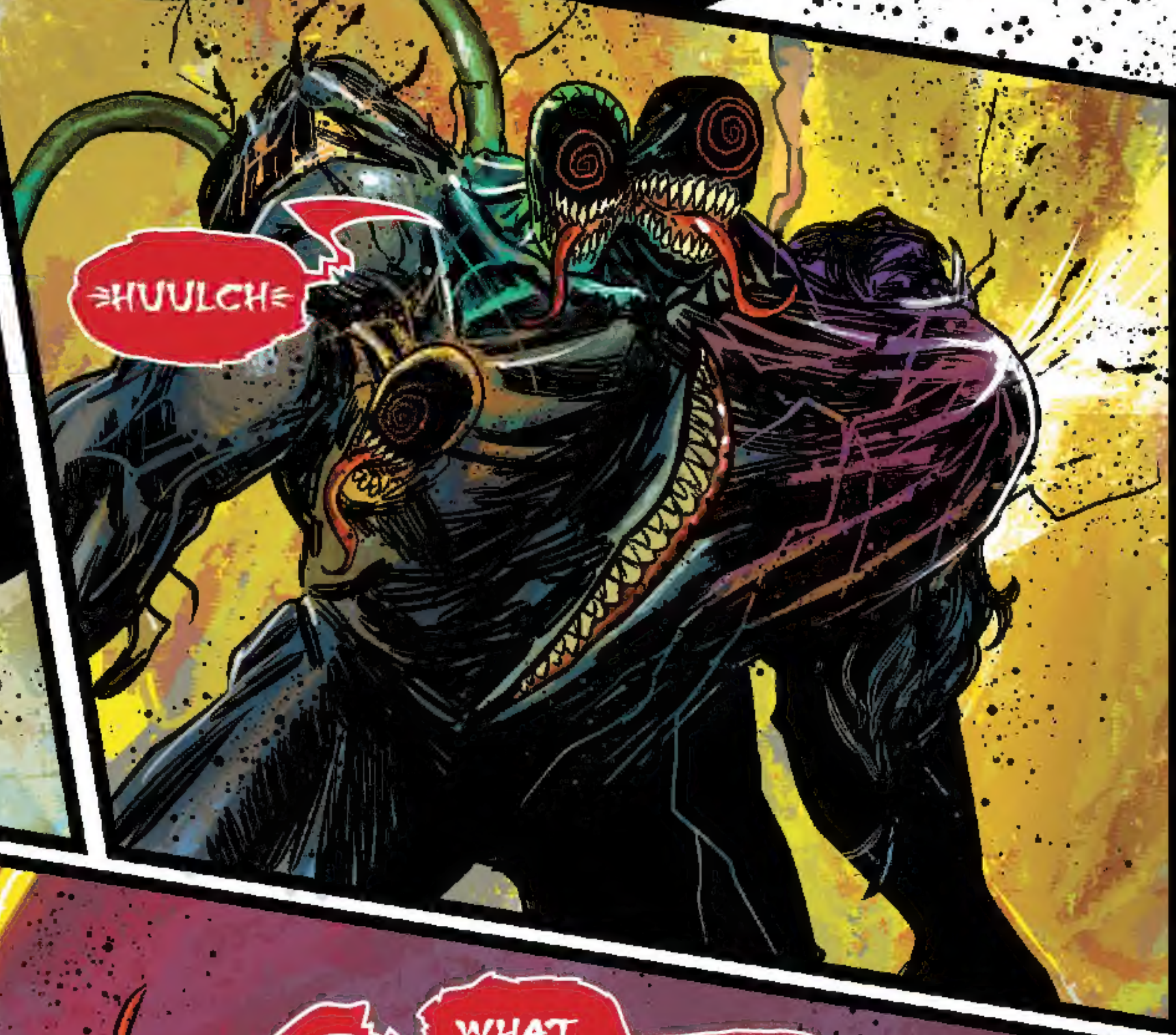


YEEEEEEEEEEEESSSS!



SSUUCH A
TASTY MORSEL...
CAN FEEL ITS...

FEEL
IT...



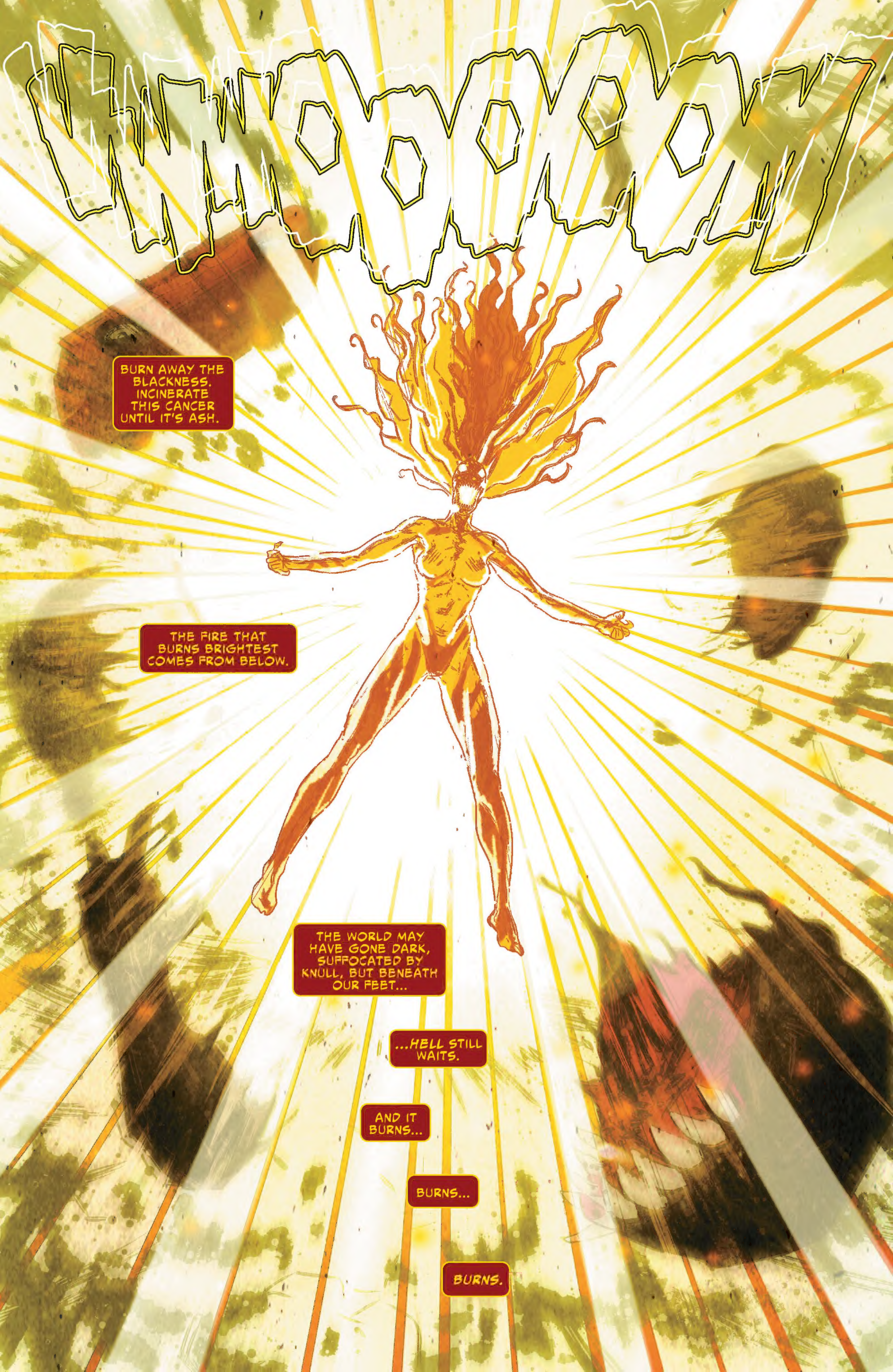
»HUULCH«



WHAT
IS...

»HHUUULP«

WHAT IS
HAAAAPPENING
TO--



BURN AWAY THE
BLACKNESS.
INCINERATE
THIS CANCER
UNTIL IT'S ASH.

THE FIRE THAT
BURNS BRIGHTEST
COMES FROM BELOW.

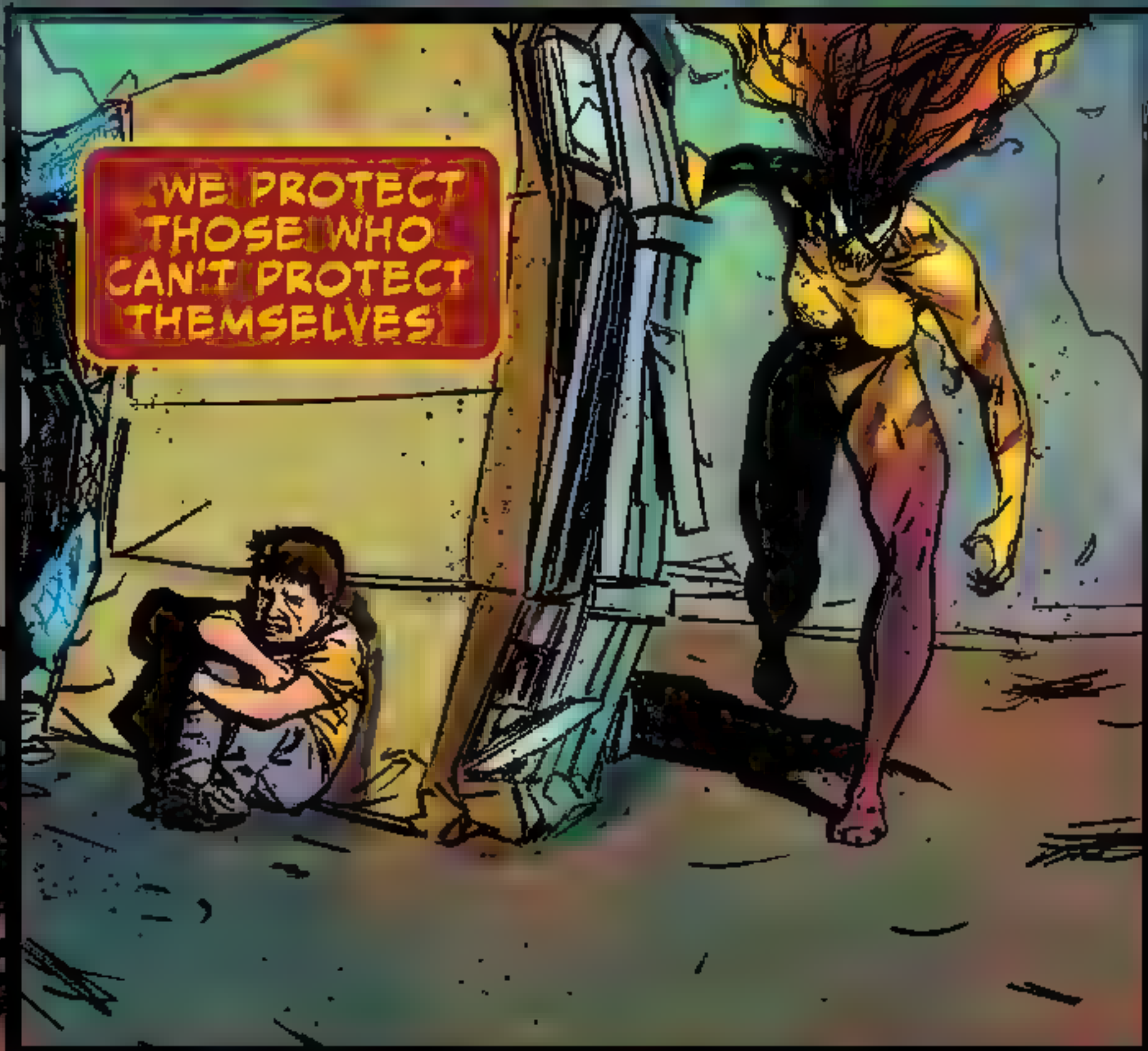
THE WORLD MAY
HAVE GONE DARK,
SUFFOCATED BY
KNULL, BUT BENEATH
OUR FEET...

...HELL STILL
WAITS.

AND IT
BURNS...

BURNS...

BURNS.



SO LET ME
ASK YA THIS...
WHAT DO YA THINK
OF JAMESON?



OR SHOULD
I SAY...THE
WERE-WARDEN?

I DUNNO.
HE SEEMS LIKE
A DECENT ENOUGH
GUY...WEREWOLF
STUFF ASIDE.

AND HEY,
THINGS HAVE
DEFINITELY BEEN A LOT
CALMER AROUND HERE
THAN WHEN FISK WAS
RUNNING THINGS,
YOU KNOW?

NO
SUPER VILLAINS
ON STAFF, NO MASS
INMATE BREAKOUTS, NO
VAMPIRE MUTANT
REFUGEES FROM THE
'60s HOLDING THE
JOINT HOSTAGE...

THAT...WAS
SOMETHING,
YEAH.

HEY...

WHAT THE
HELL IS THAT?
LOOKS LIKE IT'S
HEADING THIS WAY.
LIKE A PLANE.
OR A...A...



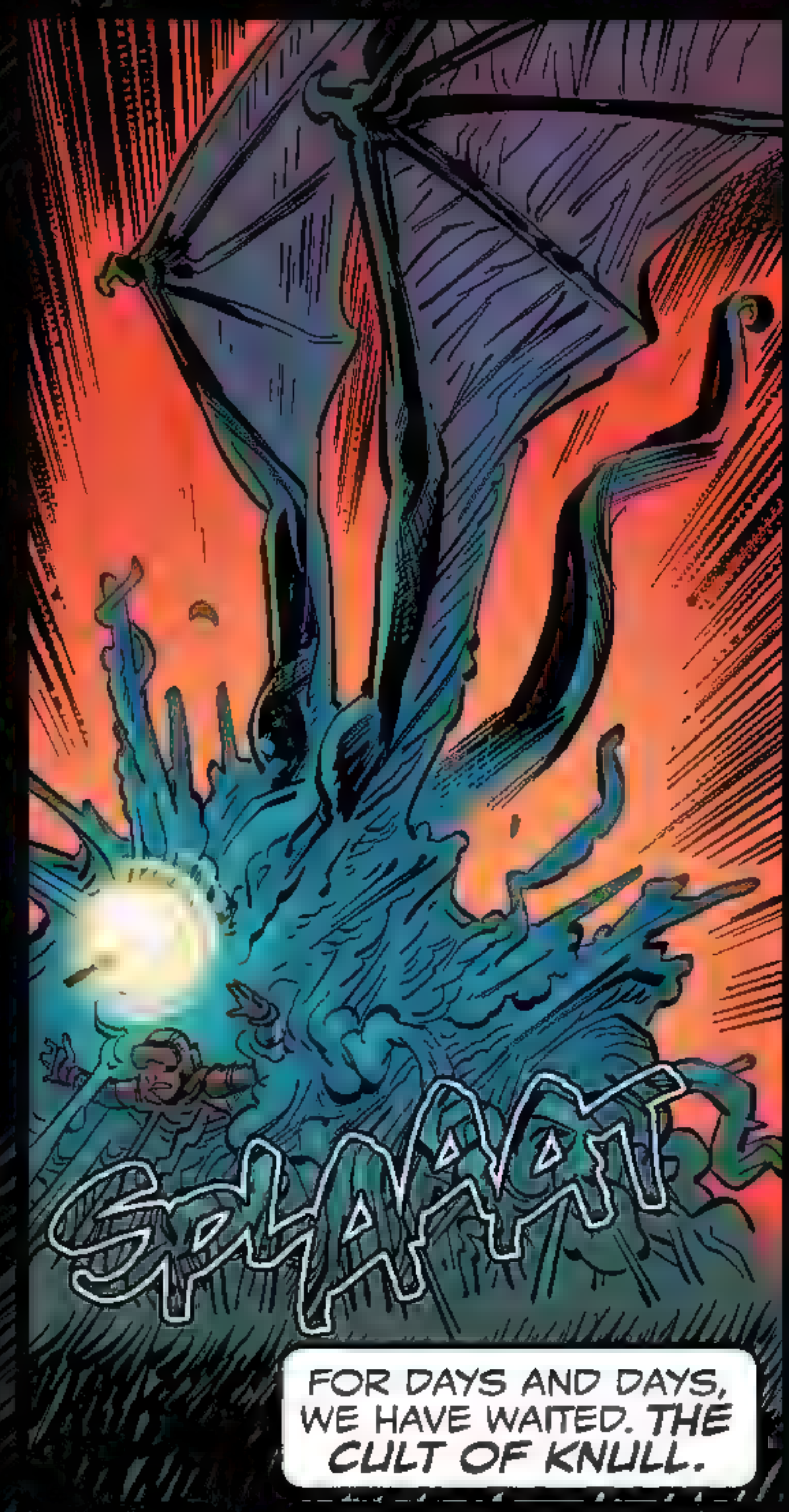


WHAT THE
#&%/0&?&?



DRAGONS?!
WE'VE GOTTA
GET--

BOB?



SPLAAT

FOR DAYS AND DAYS,
WE HAVE WAITED. THE
CULT OF KNULL.



THE EMISSARY
WAS HIDDEN, AND
STILL WE WAITED!

CRAC

CRAC

WAITED FOR THE
RIGHT MOMENT. BUT
AT LONG LAST--



THE
TIME IS
NOW!

GOD IS NO
LONGER
COMING!
GOD--

UNWANTED



SWOOSH



IS
HERE.

M-M-MY LORD, **KNULL**...YOU HONOR ME WITH YOUR PRESENCE. I MERELY CAME TO RETRIEVE THE BODY SO THAT WE, YOUR HUMBLE SERVANTS, COULD PROPERLY PREPARE FOR YOUR ARRIVAL...

SO THAT THE CULT COULD BEGIN THE RESURRECTION PROCESS.

NO NEED MY CHILD.
DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS MAN IS? DO YOU TRULY KNOW?

HE...HE WAS **CORTLAND KASADY**, THE NEW WORLD'S FIRST SERIAL KILLER.



OH, HE WAS MUCH MORE THAN THAT. IN ALL MY EONS OF EXISTENCE, IN ALL MY COUNTLESS TRAVELS...

...NONE SPREAD MORE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION...

NONE SPREAD MORE DARKNESS IN MY NAME...

...THAN HE DID. AND NOW, AFTER ALL THESE CENTURIES...



ARISE,
PLAGUE!

NOW, I'M
AFRAID I MUST
TAKE MY LEAVE, AS
MY ATTENTION IS
REQUIRED ELSEWHERE.
BUT BEFORE I DO,
I WILL POSE THIS
QUESTION TO YOU,
MY CHILD...

WHAT ARE
YOU PREPARED
TO GIVE TO
OUR CAUSE?

WHY, ALL
THAT I CAN
OFFER, MY LORD.
EVERYTHING THAT
IS...KAF! KAF!K-

WHAT IS...
KAF! KAF!K-

...FOR
YOU
SEE...

...ALL
THAT YOU
CAN OFFER IS
WHAT IS
REQUIRED

IT'S...

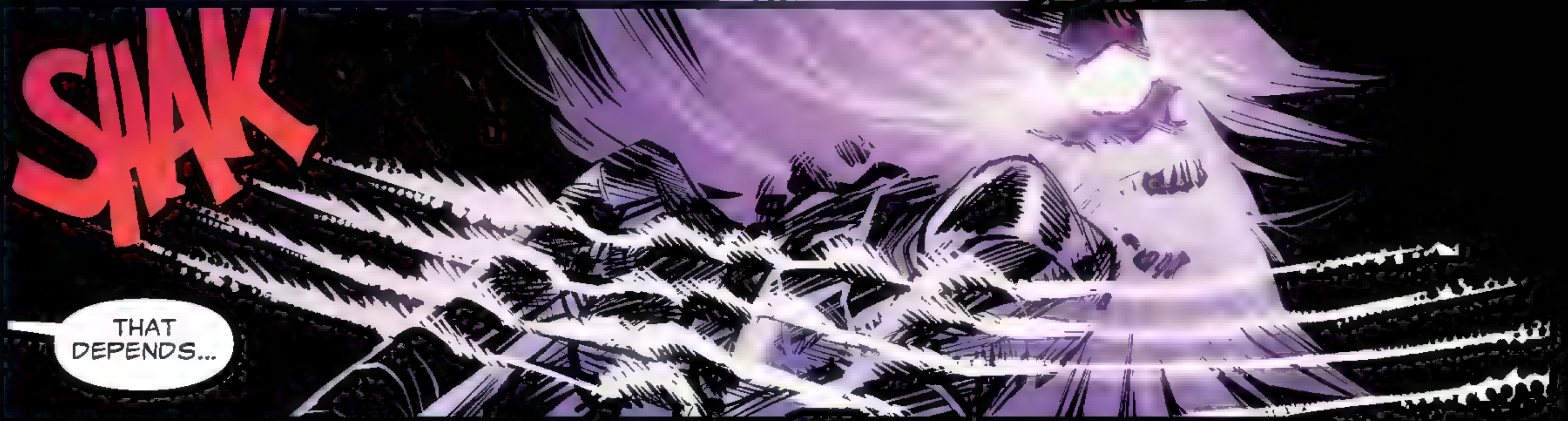
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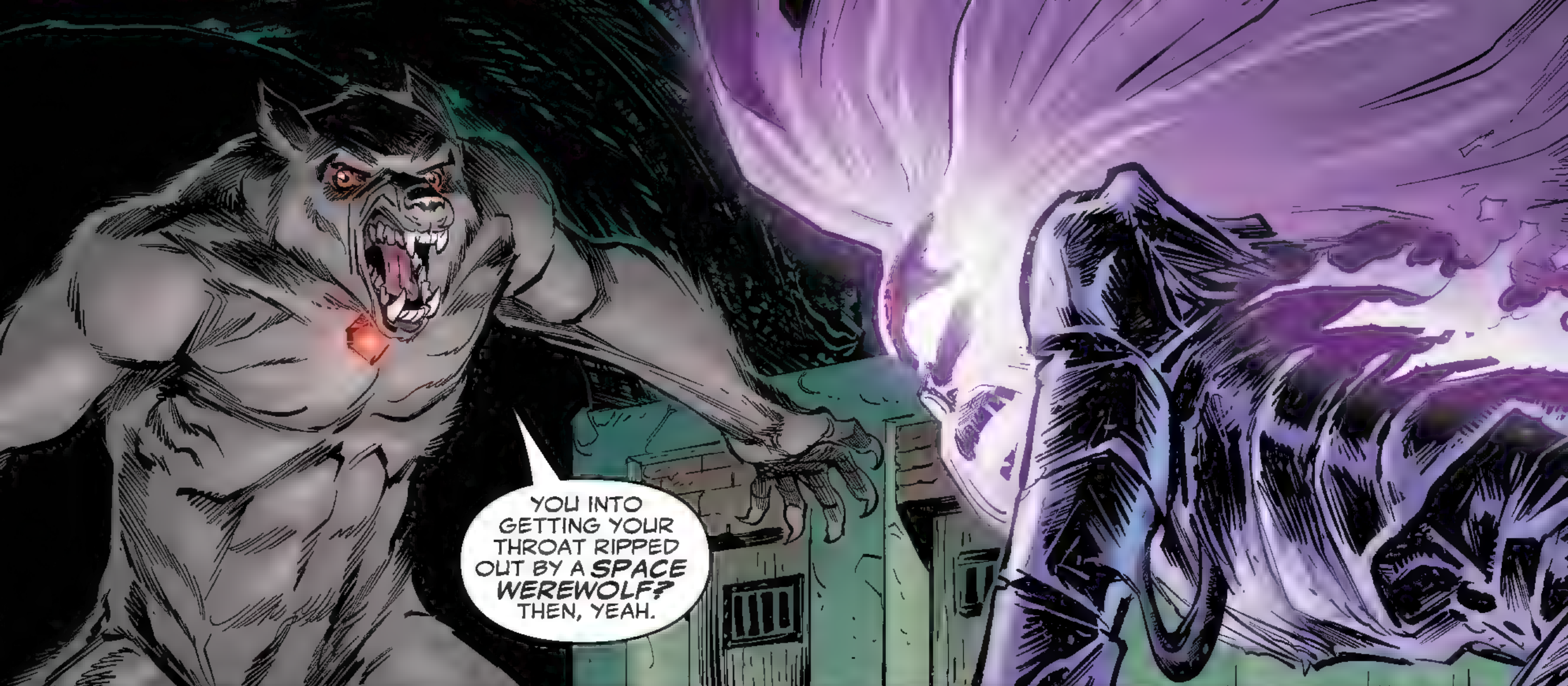
TO
BE...

EXCELLENT
TO HEAR
MY CHILD...

W
S
H

CLIC
CLIC
CLIC





YOU INTO
GETTING YOUR
THROAT RIPPED
OUT BY A SPACE
WEREWOLF?
THEN, YEAH.



I DON'T
KNOW WHO
OR WHAT THE
HELL YOU--

WAIT A
SEC... I DO
KNOW YOU.
YOU'RE
CORTLAND
KASADY.

BUT...
HOW DO
I KNOW
THAT?



THE
SAME WAY I
KNOW WHO YOU
ARE, JOHN
JAMESON.

→KAF!
KAF!←



THROUGH OUR
CONNECTION WITH
OUR LORD, KNULL.

IT'S HOW
I KNOW THAT
YOU BETRAYED
HIM.

→KAF!
KAF! KAF!
KAF!←



GLAD
YOU'VE ALREADY
GOT THE LAY OF
THE LAND, FREAK
SHOW...

WACK



THIS WAY
YA ALREADY
KNOW WHO'S
ABOUT TO KICK
YOUR ASS!

A WOMAN
WITH A METAL
ARM! TRULY THIS
IS A WONDERFUL
WORLD I'VE
AWOKEN TO!



WELL...
PERHAPS NOT
SO WONDERFUL
FOR YOU
NOW!

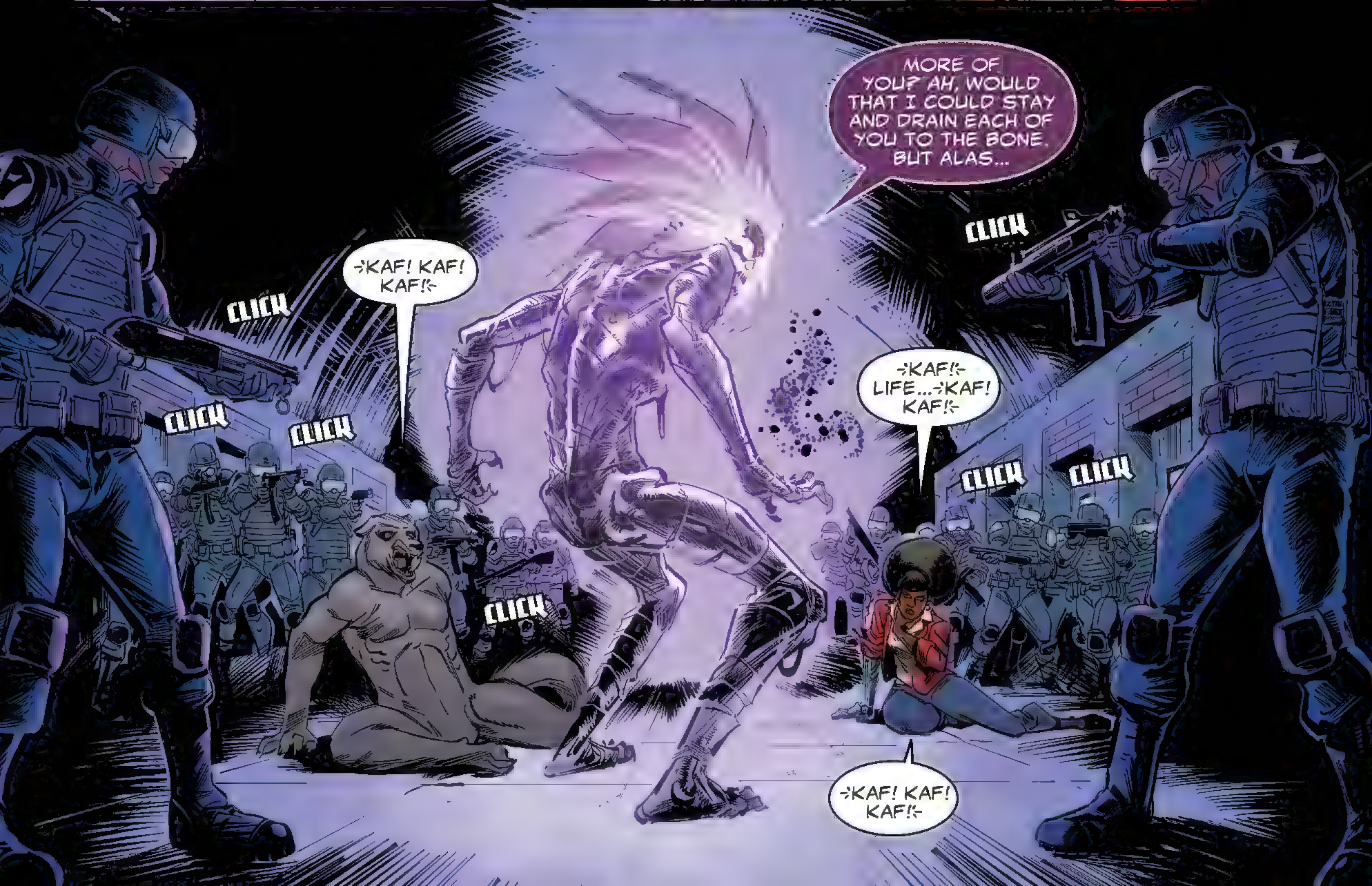
WHOOSH



~KAF! KAF!~
MISTY! BE
CAREFUL...~KAF!~
HIS POWERS...



HE'S...
~KAF! KAF!~
DRAINING OUR...
~KAF! KAF!~



MORE OF
YOU? AH, WOULD
THAT I COULD STAY
AND DRAIN EACH OF
YOU TO THE BONE.
BUT ALAS...

~KAF! KAF!
KAF!~

~KAF!~
LIFE...~KAF!
KAF!~

~KAF! KAF!
KAF!~

CLICK

CLICK

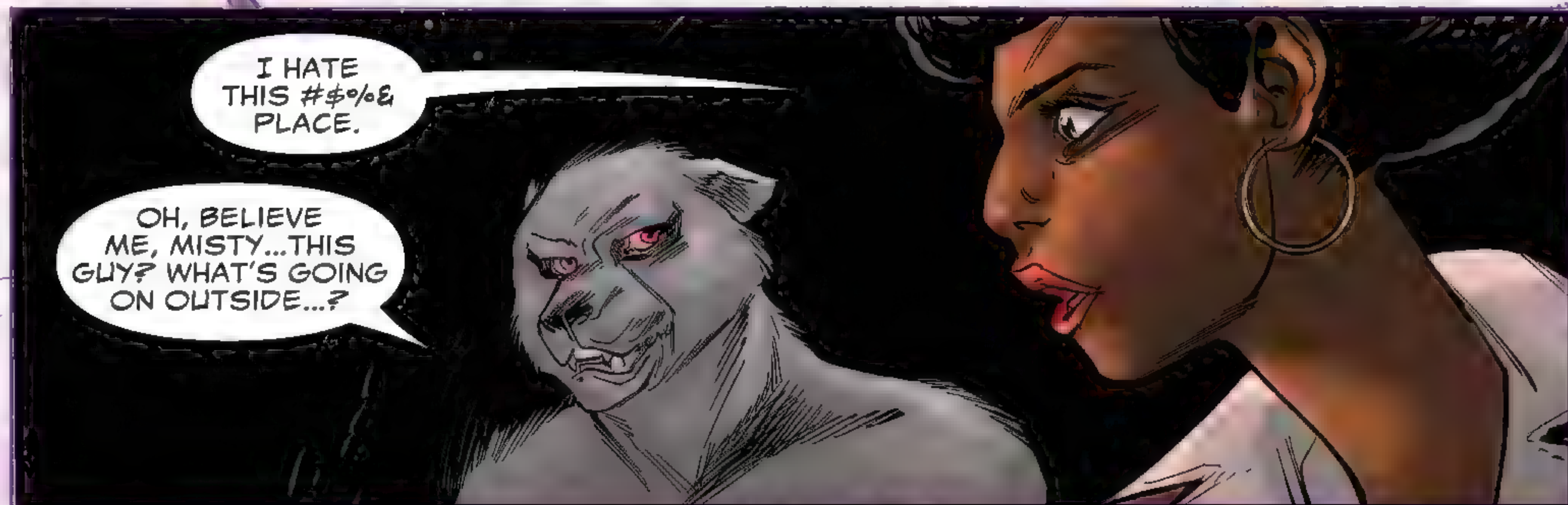
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**KNULL, THE MALICIOUS GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES
HAS LAUNCHED AN ALL-OUT ASSAULT ON EARTH,
AND A FRACTURED CONTINGENT OF SUPER HEROES
STANDS AS THE PLANET'S ONLY DEFENSE.**

**IF THEY CAN'T STOP THE ADVANCE OF KNULL'S
FORCES, EARTH WILL BECOME THE...**

PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES

WHEN ANDI BENTON WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL, SHE
HAD NO IDEA THAT HER GYM TEACHER WAS REALLY
FLASH THOMPSON, A.K.A. VENOM. AFTER A BRIEF
STINT AS HIS SIDEKICK, ANDI WAS LATER TARGETED
BY THE PSYCHOTIC SERIAL KILLER CARNAGE. ONLY
THROUGH THE INTERVENTION OF AN ORPHANED
OFFSPRING OF THE VENOM SYMBIOTE DID ANDI
SURVIVE, AND NOW, BONDED AS ONE, SHE AND THE
SYMBIOTE PROTECT THE INNOCENT WITH EXTREME
PREJUDICE AS THE CREATURE CALLED...

NEW YORK IS A CITY FULL OF SUPERHUMAN,
EXTRATERRESTRIAL AND ORDINARY CRIMINALS.
MANY ARE DEEMED FIT TO SERVE THEIR TIME IN
ORDINARY PRISONS. BUT A SMALL FEW OF THE
MARVEL UNIVERSE'S CRIMINALS ARE EITHER TOO
VIOLENT OR TOO UNSTABLE TO BE HOUSED IN
STANDARD PENITENTIARIES.

IN THOSE CASES, THE GUILTY ARE SENT FOR
REHABILITATION TO...

SCREAM

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WELCOME TO THE PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES, FRIENDS! Assistant Editor Danny Khazem here to help guide you through the new home planet for the Symbiotes!

...Oh, they just want to DESTROY the planet?

WELL, WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!

We've got a lot more in store for all you Venomaniacs and symbiote hosts out there! First and foremost, though, Editor Extraordinaire Devin Lewis and I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for picking up this issue and for joining us on this wild, galaxy-spanning ride called KING IN BLACK! We couldn't be here without the support of fans like you, so sincerely, THANK YOU!

Now, I'll give you all a moment—just a moment!—to catch your breath after that craziness and break down the madness you just witnessed! If you haven't been keeping up with all the goodies in this corner of the Marvel Universe, you're in luck! Our first story here featured one of our personal favorite characters in the symbiote world, Andi Benton, A.K.A. SCREAM!

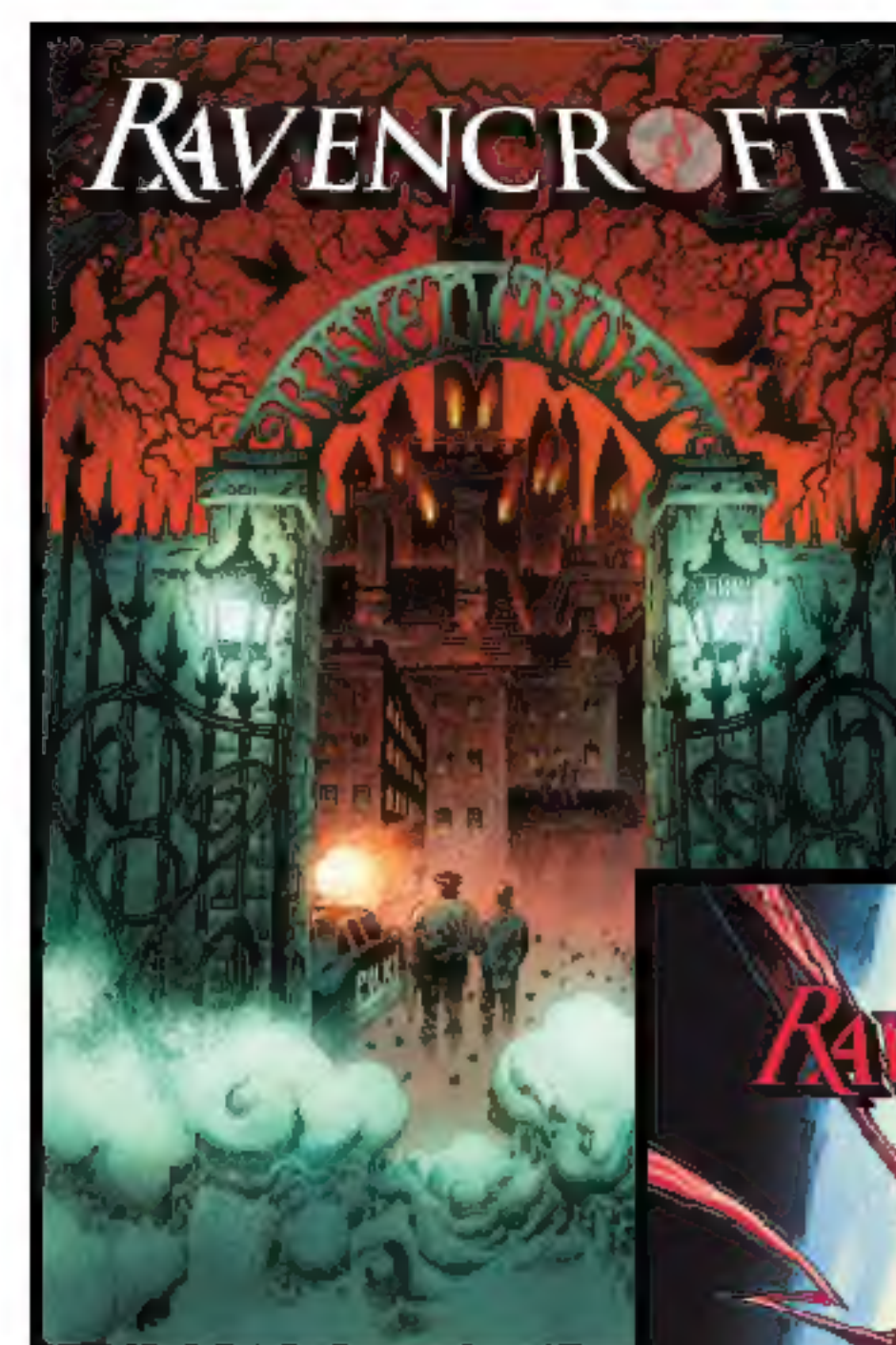
If you're looking for more on SCREAM, ask your local retailer to find you a copy of the trade paperback collection of SCREAM: CURSE OF CARNAGE featuring six issues jam-packed with symbiote goodness brought to you by CLAY McLEOD CHAPMAN, GARRY BROWN, CHRIS MOONEYHAM, RAIN BEREDO and CORY PETIT!



But this ain't it for Andi and Scream—you can find where the symbiote-covered road takes them in MARCH in KING IN BLACK: SCREAM #1 by the Scream Team of Clay McLeod Chapman and Garry Brown!

Next, we took a stroll over to the Ravencroft Institute for the Criminally Insane, where the body of Cortland was brought back by KNULL himself! SPOOKY!

If you're not familiar with Ravencroft, be sure to check out both RUINS OF RAVENCROFT TPB and RAVENCROFT, featuring a history-spanning look at the horrors of the Marvel Universe and the heroes who try to contain them! All brought to you by FRANK TIERI, ANGEL UNZUETA, GUIU VILANOVA, GUILLERMO SANNA, STEFANO LANDINI, RACHELLE ROSENBERG and TRAVIS LANHAM!



BUT.
THAT'S.
NOT.
ALL!

Join us next month for the one and only AMERICAN KAIJU! And HOBIE BROWN—THE ORIGINAL PROWLER—has to face down symbiotes solo in the heart of Manhattan!

THEN! Well, I don't want to spoil too much, but if you're looking for what's new and upcoming in the Marvel U once the dust settles on KING IN BLACK, you'll want to keep your eyes on this series!

The hits just don't stop! Week in and week out, we'll be here keeping pace with you on all things KING IN BLACK! Hope you enjoy the ride, friends! BE GOOD, STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE!

IN VENOM WE TRUST.

—DK
12.9.2020

**KING
BLACK**

NEXT:
KING IN BLACK:
PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES #2





CHECKLIST

☒ **VENOM #32**

REST IN PEACE.

☒ **RETURN OF THE VALKYRIES #1**

THE VALKYRIES MUST SAVE THE SOUL OF THE SENTRY!

☒ **SPIDER-WOMAN #8**

JESSICA DREW BREAKS BAD AS DARKNESS FALLS ON MANHATTAN!

☒ **SYMBIOTE SPIDER-MAN: KING IN BLACK #3**

SPIDER-MAN TRAVELS THROUGH SPACE TO THE SEVERED HEAD OF A CELESTIAL, BETTER KNOWN AS KNOWHERE!

☒ **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #10**

THE GUARDIANS WEREN'T FAST ENOUGH TO SAVE EARTH FROM KNULL—BUT CAN THEY SAVE THEMSELVES?

☒ **KING IN BLACK: GWENOM VS. CARNAGE #1**

A BATTLE OF THE BANDS LIKE NO OTHER: GWEN STACY VS. MARY JANE WATSON!

☒ **KING IN BLACK: PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES #1**

THE SYMBIOTES SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH? NOT IF SCREAM CAN HELP IT!

☒ **KING IN BLACK: THUNDERBOLTS #1**

WILSON FISK, MAYOR OF NEW YORK, HAS TAKEN MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS...BY ASSEMBLING A TEAM OF VILLAINS TO SAVE NEW YORK!

☒ **S.W.O.R.D. #2**

TO SAVE THE GALAXY, THEY MUST SAVE ONE OF THEIR OWN!

☒ **THE UNION #2**

THE GLOBAL ASSAULT OF SYMBIOTES SPARES NO VICTIMS!

☐ **KING IN BLACK #3 (PICTURED)**

WHAT'S A GOD TO A KING?

☐ **BLACK CAT #2**

FELICIA IS TASKED WITH SAVING DOCTOR STRANGE—WITH ANTI-VENOM?!

☐ **DEADPOOL #10**

MONSTERS BEWARE—IT'S KING VS. KING FOR STATEN ISLAND!

☐ **KING IN BLACK: NAMOR #3**

TIDES RISE AS NAMOR'S SECRET PAST SPILLS OVER!

☐ **DAREDEVIL #26**

MATT MURDOCK AND ELEKTRA MUST EACH FACE THE DELUGE OF SYMBIOTES CONSUMING THE CITY!

